

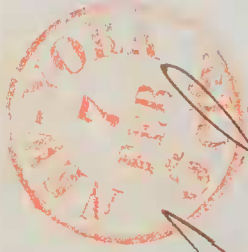
New York, 7 Feb'y 1848.

My dear Gray - I received your letter with the Nos. of Hook. Jour. an Sat'y event. by which I regret to find that I have troubled you with one letter de trop. I never had sign N. 45. but you sent me N. 44 which I will return, if you so desire - As you tell me that the sheets of the Man. were "packing up" I suppose my application for the page commencing "Apetala", will have been too late - I shall wait a day or two's mail to ascertain, when, if not received, I shall copy out the page; & bind up my set - I see I owe you double thanks, as you intended the 2 copies for me - As to Devey's letter, it seemed hardly worth the return postage, but you shall have it hereafter - As to my offence, it is laughable in a (proposed) naturalist, & nothing more - He seems to think that Synonymy is given to inform the public, from time to time, of the then state of the knowledge of certain individuals - I have any feelings but anger towards such a customer, & when my turn comes, shall write kindly & briefly, scarcely attempting to answer peritium

what he may object to my Oarps - Of course, every
thing differing from his own views, & as in the case
of *C. oligo.* it takes a whole letter to explain I do not
feel willing to write 20 or 30 on the species which
I omit or put down - I have no seed of *Cardia*,
haliae. but send you some from Thorburn's -
I took the opportunity of talking to him about your
forthcoming gen. illust. & rather talked it up "a few".
He said he wants get a copy to keep in his store, as it
was a kind of work for which he was often asked, &
which he felt assured would sell well - I trust
his opinion will be well founded - Love to dear
Jane, & many thanks for her kind note - I do not
gain strength, I fear, & am horribly low -

Yrs. Affec^tly
J. Mac.

No *Trypanus* in the Hooker's set - I should have
been on the spot since, as I knew of the 2nd species -
Advise me 2 or 3 days before you want the Hooker's.



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